

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION

COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

25X1

REPORT

TOPIC LAERZ-RECHLIN Airfield

25X1

25X1

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT

25X1

DATE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE PREPARED 7 November 1949

REFERENCES

PAGES 2

ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

RETURN TO CIA LIBRARY26 September 1949

25X1 1. A mobile radio station with four 33-foot crank masts (sic) was
 25X1 located at the RECHLIN (N 54/U 33) airfield. No parked
 aircraft were observed.

2. 126 single-engine aircraft with in-line or radial engines
 were counted at the LAERZ (N 54/U 33) airfield.

3. the twin-engine bombers
 temporarily stationed at the LAERZ field had been trans-
 ferred. Jet fighters had also been observed there.

29 September 1949

4. It was observed that the western end of the runway ended
 in a taxiway which ran to the south along the western edge
 of the field. Sixty-six to seventy-two aircraft were
 parked on the taxiway at the southwest corner of the field.

Description: One radial engine, three-bladed propeller hub,
 clumsy fuselage, trapezoidal wings, angular wing tips,
 single-seat cockpit, landing gear retracting inward, retrac-
 table tail wheel with cowling.

A construction firm was in charge of repair work on the
 landing field. According to a worker, 20 - 30 aircraft
 were also parked in nearby forest lanes; the road to RECH-
 LIN, north of the ELLERHOLZ railroad station, was guarded
 by sentries and blocked by a turnpike. The adjacent area
 was off limits to civilians.

25X1

Comment:

a. Report confirms the occupation of the LAERZ airfield by
 fighter units as observed on 21 September 1949. From the
 counted aircraft it is inferred that two or three fighter
 regiments are stationed there. The previous locations of

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1

Document No.

No Change in Class.

Class. Changed To:

Auth: HR 702

Date: 30 MAY 1978

CLASSIFICATION

TS S C 25X1

This document is hereby regraded to
 CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the
 letter of 16 October 1978 from the
 Director of Central Intelligence to the
 CIA-RDP82-00457R003800390007-5
 Next Review Date: 2008

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1

25X1

~~SECRET~~ [redacted] 2 [redacted]

these units are not known. It is assumed that they are the units of the 136th Ftr Div previously stationed in PARMABERG and WILSONOXX which were transferred to an unknown location. This assumption is supported only by the observation that most of the aircraft stationed in LARZ are LA-9s, the type with which the 236th Ftr Div is equipped.

b. The PJ-2s observed in LARZ on 21 September 1949 were presumably stationed there temporarily. It has not been reported that these aircraft were retransferred to MIOW.

c. This is the first information on the alleged appearance of jet aircraft in LARZ. The BUCHHIN airfield is probably not occupied by an air unit.

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1